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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER AGREES TO HOST REGIONAL "QUINTET"
MEETING

Classified By: Ambassador Margaret Scobey, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[¶](#)1. (C) In an August 24 meeting with Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit, the Ambassador raised the concept of a sub-ministerial strategic planning dialogue, to include Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Iraq, and the United States. She highlighted that the discussions would focus on long-term strategic issues of concern to all the participants, rather than a conversation about more immediate, pressing issues.

[¶](#)2. (C) Aboul Gheit welcomed the idea of such a five-party strategic dialogue, and readily agreed to the Ambassador's suggestion that Egypt host the first such "Quintet" meeting in Cairo in mid-October.

[¶](#)3. (C) We will report septel on the rest of the meeting.

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